Reminder!! Reminder!! Reminder!! Important Message to Parents with Children Entering 7th Grade

Immunization Requirements for All Children Entering 7th Grade

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases* (R23-1-IMM), all children entering the 7th grade are required to have the following immunizations:

- Booster dose of Td (tetanus and diphtheria) vaccine, if it has been 5 years or more since the last dose of diphtheria-tetanus containing vaccine.
- > Four doses of Polio vaccine
- > Two doses of MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- > Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine.
- One dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine (2 doses if child received after 13 years of age) <u>or</u> a statement signed by your child's doctor stating that your child has a history of chickenpox disease.

All children entering 7th grade are required to be up-to-date on their childhood immunizations as well as have a physical exam. This is the perfect opportunity to review your child's immunizations with his or her doctor to ensure your child is protected from all vaccine-preventable diseases.